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SUBJECT: Draft OMB Bulletin,  
"Guidelines for the Use of  
Consultant Services"

1. The IC Staff has reviewed the draft of subject bulletin. We believe we can live with the conditions set forth in this bulletin as written, however, paragraph 5b, Basic Policy, seems unduly restrictive. Often it is necessary to use consultants over an extended period of time when they have highly specialized knowledge and qualifications that are difficult to find elsewhere. Expertise in ADP management or highly specialized knowledge of the Peoples Republic of China are examples that come to mind in this category. We would prefer not to be limited to consultant services only on an intermittent or temporary basis, or at least to have a policy that allows exceptions for unusual situations.

2. Given the present tight controls, and approval by the DCI for the hiring of consultants, it would seem that our current practices are already controlled in a very responsible manner. Thus, there should be some latitude for judgmental decisions at the Agency Head level to allow consultants to be used for an extended period of time if the circumstances so warrant.

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